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1. SENATOR DICK CLARK ASKS THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE
PASSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY:

2. BEGIN QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I HAVE JUST BEGUN A TWO
WEEK CIRCUIT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES STUDYING THE ISSUES
ON WHICH OUR AFRICA SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BEEN FOCUSING. GIVEN THE
ABSENCE OF A RESPONSE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE TO
PREVIOUS OVERTURES WHICH MIGHT HAVE LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, I WAS SURPRISED UPON ARRIVAL HERE
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO MEET FOREIGN
MINISTER CHISSANO. PARA THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME THAT
PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER OF LAST JUNE HAS JUST NOW BEEN
ANSWERED, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE BELATEDNESS OF THEIR RESPONSE
AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID
THAT PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL WANTS TO MEET ME THIS MORNING TO
DISCUSS HOW THESE RELATIONS CAN BEST BE DEVELOPED. PARA I AM
AWARE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF WHAT I CAN PROPERLY DO OR SAY
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AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND IT WAS NOT MY IN-

TENTION IN COMING HERE TO PROJECT MYSELF INTO THE CONDUCT OF DIPLOMACY. BUT I SEEM, COINCIDENTALLY, TO HAVE ARRIVED HERE AT A TIME WHEN MOZAMBIQUE HAS DECIDED TO SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. SPECIFICALLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL WANTS TO DISCUSS "HOW WE CAN HAVE RELATIONS AND WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES". PARA IN THAT MEETING LATER TODAY I INTEND TO LISTEN AND TO RESPOND TO THEIR QUESTIONS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING I WILL SEND YOU A FULL REPORT. IF YOU CAN SEE ANY WAY IN WHICH I CAN MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION, I WILL BE HERE FOR ANOTHER TWENTY FOUR HOURS. PLEASE ADVISE. SINCERELY, DICK CLARK. END QUOTE.
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